

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Sergeant First Class Christopher L. Lilla's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, Sergeant First Class Lilla has devoted more than 20 years of his life to the service of this state and country as an Artilleryman, including deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

*Whereas*, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

*Whereas*, Sergeant First Class Lilla continues to give of himself; and,


*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class Christopher L. Lilla for more than 20 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 13, 2009, as

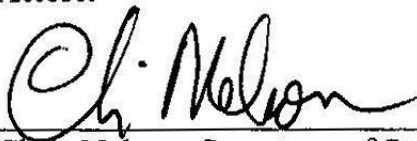
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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

